

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chris M. Ries(Reg. No. 45,799) on 05/20/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

AMEND ABSTRACT AS FOLLOWS:

At line 6, please delete "Fig. 1".

AMEND CLAIM 1 AS FOLLOWS:

1. (Currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp comprising a discharge vessel which is enveloped with clearance by an outer bulb provided with a lamp cap, which outer bulb is translucent, is substantially tubular in shape, and is provided with a light- scattering layer formed by an electrostatic coating composed of $\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ and SiO_2 , wherein the electrostatic coating is composed of 90% $\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ and 10% SiO_2 .

CANCEL CLAIM 5:

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 6 (Renumbered 1-2) are allowable.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In response to remarks and claim amendments made in Applicant's Request for Continued Examination submitted 05/08/2008, following the Board Decision of 03/11/2008, wherein the Examiner was affirmed, as well as, an Interview with Applicant's Representative on 05/20/2008, the summary attached herewith, and, upon conclusion of a comprehensive search of the pertinent prior art, the Office indicates that the claims, as amended, are allowable.

Regarding independent claim 1, patentability exists, at least in part, with the claimed feature of wherein the electrostatic coating is composed of 90% $\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ and 10% SiO_2 .

Sakakibara et al US Patent 4691140, Tono et al US Patent 5200250, Fujino US Patent 5614783, Maloney et al US Patent 4097288, Klein US Patent 3890522, and Arsena US Patent 3909649 are all cited as disclosing elements of the claimed invention.

The pertinent prior art, taken alone, or, in combination, cannot be construed as teaching or suggesting an electrostatic coating for a discharge lamp which is composed of 90% $\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ and 10% SiO_2 .

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAMEON E. LEVI whose telephone number is (571)272-2105. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. (9:00 - 5:00) IFP, Fridays Telework.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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